

09-326 Office of Public Health

The mission of the Office of Public Health (OPH) is to promote health through education that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility for health and wellness; enforce regulations relating to environmental health and to investigate health hazards in the community; collect and distribute information vital to informed decision-making on matters related to individual, community, and environmental health; provide leadership for the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability in the state; and to assure universal access to essential health services for the people of Louisiana.

The goals of the Office of Public Health are:

1. To reduce illness, disability, and premature death.
2. To elevate the health status of our population.
3. To protect the quality of environment as it relates to health.
4. To improve our health care and social environments.

The Office of Public Health performs the functions of the state, which relate to the general health of Louisiana citizens. The OPH fulfills its core public health functions through approximately 35 programmatic and administrative offices. In addition, preventive and primary care is delivered in more than 100 public health facilities and laboratories in 63 parishes throughout the state (except Plaquemines Parish).

The OPH has evolved to respond to the most pressing health needs of Louisiana citizens, while implementing programs to prevent disease and promote health. This has resulted in many new efforts to prevent the spread of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, to monitor shellfish waters, to educate the public about health threats, to provide community education on healthy behavior and lifestyle choices and to react to new issues as they arise. The Office of Public Health continues its commitment to protect and enhance the health of Louisiana's citizens by providing a wide range of preventive and primary care services to reduce illness, disability and premature death. In addition, OPH enforces the State Sanitary Code, tests food products, maintains vital statistics and educates Louisiana residents.

The Office of Public Health has three programs: Personal Health Services, Environmental Services, and Vital Records and Statistics.

The Office of Public Health is also committed to tracking and working toward attainment of many healthy people 2000 goals, which are national standards for health status. Where appropriate, these goals have been incorporated through this document and are indicated by "HP 2000."

BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$46,960,314	\$45,221,607	\$45,277,807	\$56,890,914	\$45,781,244	\$503,437
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	15,163,319	15,461,794	15,505,184	14,961,794	17,206,708	1,701,524
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	17,198,913	17,224,520	17,835,235	18,552,705	17,882,535	47,300
Statutory Dedications	61,664	7,272,412	7,272,412	7,381,199	4,851,863	(2,420,549)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	130,536,270	138,845,319	139,999,086	143,531,611	143,782,186	3,783,100
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$209,920,480	\$224,025,652	\$225,889,724	\$241,318,223	\$229,504,536	\$3,614,812
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Personal Health Services	\$191,161,820	\$202,315,910	\$204,099,982	\$218,269,257	\$207,927,623	\$3,827,641
Environmental Health Services	14,995,010	18,477,064	18,557,064	19,156,913	18,392,157	(164,907)
Vital Records and Statistics	3,763,650	3,232,678	3,232,678	3,892,053	3,184,756	(47,922)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$209,920,480	\$224,025,652	\$225,889,724	\$241,318,223	\$229,504,536	\$3,614,812
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	2,108	2,121	2,121	2,134	2,054	(67)
Unclassified	27	16	16	16	16	0
TOTAL	2,135	2,137	2,137	2,150	2,070	(67)

The Total Recommended amount above includes \$14,067 of supplementary recommendations for the Medical Needy Program in the Medical Vendor Program and \$100,000 of supplementary recommendations for the River Regional Cancer Screening Program. These items are contingent upon revenue sources subject to Legislative approval and recognition by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

This agency has no short-term debt.

In addition to the above recommended appropriation \$108,265 will be paid in Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for long-term debt incurred on behalf of this agency from the previous sale of bonds. Total long-term debt service payments for the state for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 are reflected in the Governor's Executive Budget Supporting Document in Non-Appropriated Requirements, Schedule 22-922.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 719,362
State General Fund by:	
Interagency Transfers	548,628
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	6,952
Federal Funds	2,848,984
Total	\$4,123,923